

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 7-16 with the following paragraph, which is marked to show the change:

Next at step 112, the driver program initiates testing of the mass storage system by communicating to each host computer, directly from the master host computer and over the interconnecting communications channel 50. As a result, each host computer begins sending commands and data to and receives at least data from the mass storage system at the same time. At this point, it is the configuration and parameter input to the master host computer, as delivered to the client computers, which controls the actions of each of the client host computers. Thus, the provided information and arguments can cause, for example, only a subset of the host computers to communicate and issue commands to the mass storage system, and/or only a specific set of logical units at the mass storage level may be exercised in a specific configuration dictated by the arguments input at step 100.

**Remarks**

In the office action, the Examiner (1) objected to the drawings, (2) rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and (3) rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,686 issued to Hale in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,605 issued to Napolitano. Reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, are requested.

I. **Objections to Drawings**

The Examiner objected to the drawings for not including reference numbers 900 and 902 mentioned in the specification. FIGURE 9 has been amended as shown in the